NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Mississippi River Watershed

(Hancock, Henderson, Henry, Knox, Mercer, Warren Counties)

Total Maximum Daily Load

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Bureau of Water will hold a public meeting on:

Tuesday, October 25, 2016 (3:00 pm)

at

Warren Henderson Farm Bureau 1000 North Main Street Suite 1 Monmouth, IL

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for the public to receive information and comment on the draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) concerning impairments to the Mississippi River Watershed. The potential TMDL cause of impairment for Mississippi River (IL_K-22) is Atrazine.

This TMDL report includes data analysis and determination of the pollutant loading capacity and reduction necessary to meet designated uses and water quality standards. The report also includes an implementation strategy for meeting TMDL water quality goals.

The IEPA implements the TMDL program in accordance with Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act. A TMDL is the sum of the allowable amounts of a single pollutant (for example, phosphorus, metals, etc.) that

a waterbody can receive from all contributing sources and still meet water quality standards or designated uses.

The draft Stage One Report for the Mississippi River Watershed will be available on-line at http://www.epa.illinois.gov/public-notices/index. A hard copy of the draft report will be available for viewing at the Warren Henderson Farm Bureau in Monmouth, Illinois during business hours. Questions about the TMDL should be directed to the project manager, Brian Willard at brian.willard@Illinois.gov or 217/782-3362 or Abel Haile (see contact information below).

Closure of the Meeting Record

The meeting record will close as of midnight, November 25, 2016. Written comments need not be notarized but must be postmarked before midnight and mailed to:

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